between lines 3 and 4, insert a heading as follows:

B2 -- 2. Description of the Prior Art - -.

✓ Page 2, cancel the third complete paragraph, lines 13-14, in its entirety;

above line 15, insert a heading as follows:

B3 -- Summary of the Invention - -.

Page 5, replace the third paragraph, lines 12-17, with a new paragraph as follows:

-- Basically, the locking device is suited for closures which are led to the housing an any motion desired. Particularly advantageous, however, is the locking device of a closure pivotally supported on the housing. It is B4 preferred that the locking device be mounted at a spacing from the pivot axis of the closure. In any case, one or more locking devices may exist for the closure. A single locking device may be sufficient, however, particularly in a pivotally supported closure. - -.

Page 7, between lines 13 and 14, insert a heading:

B5 -- Brief Description of the Drawings - -;

cancel the sixth paragraph, line 20, and insert thereat two new paragraphs as follow:

B6 -- Fig. 3 shows the same locking device as Figs. 1-2 in a closing position in the same view; and

Fig. 4 shows the same locking device as Figs. 1-3 with several hooks with the hook impinging on the closing edges in the same view at an increased scale. - -;

between lines 20 and 21, insert a heading:

- - Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment - -.

Page 8, replace the first paragraph, lines 3-10, with a new paragraph as follows:

- - on the left-hand side in the drawing, the catch hook 12 has a bearing eyelet 16 on which a helical spring 17 is supported. The other end of the helical spring 17 is held on al bearing point 18 of the frame structure 6 fixed to the housing. The arrangement of the spring element 17 is such that it will be above the pivot axis 11 in any position of the locking mechanism so that it always seeks to pull the catch hook 12, in a counter-clockwise sense, into a position in which the guide pin 9 strikes against the first final stop 14', the right-hand one in the drawing, of the guide cam 14. - -.

Page 9, replace the first paragraph, lines 13-17, with a new paragraph as follows:

- - As soon as the catch hook 12 impinges on the closing edge 4 this one becomes the new fulcrum of the catch hook 12. If the swiveling lever 8 continues to be pivoted counter-clockwise the catch hook 12 consequently is